be relocated; and

(c) the details thereof and the time by which these industries will be relocated to check the pollution in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) In pursuance of the Orders of the Supreme Court, the Central Pollution control Board had issued notices to 9,164 polluting large, medium and small scale industries in the National Capital Territory of Delhi, for closure or relocating these units. This is because the industries were functioning in non-conforming or in conforming areas but without pollution control measures. The master-plan of Delhi 1990, incorporated the decision to more hazardous and noxious units and those falling in the category of heavy and large industries, out of Delhi, to certain areas identified the National Capital Region Planning Board. The Supreme Court in its judgement dated 24.3.1995, have ordered that units falling in certain categories, including those mentioned above, be relocated based on a case by case examination of the objections filed by each unit. The time by which these industries were required to be shifted has not been indicated in the Order;

Enquiry into the forest Fire in Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh

441. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state: (a) whether it is a fact that . devasting fire has engulfed the forests in states of Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the area of forests in each state under fire and details of the loss of life, forest wealth and acological deplation;

(c) whether Government have constituted any enquiry into this reging fire;

(d) if so, the findings of the enquiry; and

(e) the follow-up steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The hills of Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh experienced extensive forest fires. As per the reports received from the State Governments the areas affected by the forest fires in U.P. and H.P. is 931 Sq. Kms. and 305 Sq. Kms. respectively. A two member team has been constituted on 11.7.1995 to enquire into the causes of forest fires, the extent of damage to forest wealth and formulate a strategy to prevent the occurrence of such large scale forest fires in future and to suggest measures for their control. The committee has been asked to submit its report within a month.

गुजरात के तटीय क्षेत्रों में तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस की खोज

442. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी0 सोलंकी :** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस की खोज करने के लिए गुजरात में कौन-कौन से नए तटीय और अपतटीय क्षेत्रों का सवेंक्षण किया गया है,

(ख) क्या उक्त सवेंक्षण कार्यक्रमों के अंतर्गत सौराष्ट्र-कच्छ क्षेत्र को भी शामिल किया गया है,

(ग) इन क्षेत्रों में तेल और अन्य पैट्रोलियम उत्पादों के अनुमानतः कितने तेल और गैस भंडार पाए गए है, और

(घ) उक्त क्षेत्रों में उक्त उत्पादों की उचित खोज हेतु क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान गुजरात के समुद्रतटीय तथा अपतटीय क्षेत्रों में